

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Marantidis on 21 April 2010.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
4. In Claim 1, line 5, please delete the word "and" which precedes the phrase "is interposed."
5. Please cancel Claim 15.
6. In Claim 17, at the end of line 1, please insert the word --layer--.

### **CONCLUSION**

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL LA VILLA whose telephone number is (571)272-1539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.
8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jennifer McNeil, can be reached on (571) 272-1540. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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